

Group IX: claim 59,
Group X: claims 67-73,
Group XI: claims 74-80, and
Group XII: claims 81-87.

In response, Applicant points out that claims 1 – 23 and 32 – 87 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment, which renders the restriction moot.

In the Preliminary Amendment, applicant stated that the uncanceled claims were the subject of a restriction in the parent application.

In addition, applicant further alerts the examiner to the fact that new claims 88 – 90 were added in the Preliminary Amendment.

If the Preliminary Amendment dated November 12, 2003 is missing, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be provided.

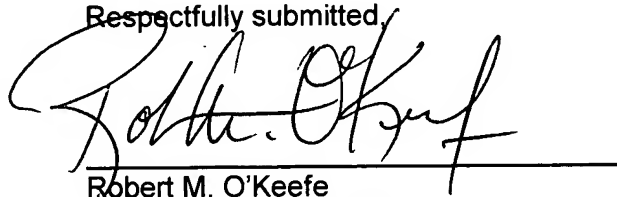
Next, the examiner called for an election of species from species 1) through 6) identified at page 6 of the office action. Rule 146 provides for election of a species to which the claim(s) will be restricted if no claim to the genus is found to be allowable. In this case, pursuant to Rule 146, Applicant elects ethylene glycol dimethacrylate for species 1), benzoquinone for species 2), N,N-dimethyl-p-toluidine for species 3), and ethylene glycol dimethacrylate for species 4). Since Group IV has been elected under the restriction requirement, there appears to be no need to elect a species for species 5) or 6). Claims 23 – 31 and 88 - 90 are all believed to be readable thereon. As indicated in the office action, all claims are generic.

No extension of time is believed to be needed in connection with this paper. However, if the Office deems that an extension of time is needed, please consider this to be a request for same.

Should any fees under 37 CRF 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman Deposit Account No. 10-1205.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. O'Keefe", written over a horizontal line.

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